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SUBJECT: BONGO REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: LIBREVILLE 1666

1. I WISH ALERT DEPARTMENT THAT AS WE GUESSED, BONGO HAS INDEED DISCUSSED HIS DESIRE SEE PRES. CARTER BEFORE KHARTBIM MEETING WITH MAURICE TEMPELSMAN. DURING CONVERSATION JUNE 22, TEMPELSMAN REP HERE, DAVID PARENT, SAID HE THOUGHT BONGO HAD RAISED MATTER PERHAPS AS LONG AGO AS SIX WEEKS.

2. I TOLD PARENT THAT TEMPLESMAN HAD NOT RAISED MATTER WITH DEPT., THEN GAVE HIM SAME PESSIMISTIC OUTLOOK I HAD GIVEN MAMBOUKA. HE WAS SURPRISED TEMPELSMAN HAD NOT BEEN HEARD FROM THEN CONCLUDED THAT TEMPELSMAN HAD BEEN OUT OF US FOR AWHILE AND WAS DUE BACK ONLY THIS WEEK. I PRESUME THEREFORE THAT HE MAY WELL CONTACT DEPARTMENT VERY SOON IF HE HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO. SHOULD THIS HAPPEN, IT WOULD BE HELFPUL IF DEPARTMENT WOULD GIVE HIM SAME REPLY THAT IS INITIALLY GIVEN MAMBOUKA AND THEN LATER, THE DEFINITIVE REPLY. FOR BONGO EVENTUALLY TO GET SAME WORD THROUGH TEMPELSMAN CHANNEL WILL BE USEFUL HERE.TIENKEN

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